

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3235
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ANTI SMUGGLING OPERATIONS .
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the customs officials have recently launched a special anti-smuggling operation in all the major cities of the country in a bid to curb rampant under-valuation of imported goods and smuggling;
- (b) if so, the value and countries whose goods were seized during the above operation;
- (c) whether any incriminating documents were seized during the raids;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard;
- (e) whether any nexus between the officials and smugglers has come to light; and
- (f) if so, the action taken against the officials/persons found involved in such Smuggling and under valuation activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): During the special anti-smuggling operation launched between 11-11-2000 to 17-11-2000, contraband goods valued at Rs. 5.87 crores were seized by the various field formations of the Customs Department. The goods seized originated from various countries such as China, Taiwan, Japan, Malaysia, Germany, France, Thailand, Korea etc.

(c) & (d): Some documents have been seized, which are under scrutiny.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Not applicable in view of (e) above.